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STATE RATE HOLDS STEADY DURING THE MONTH

The incidence of unemployment in Michigan remained unchanged at 11.3 percent during the month of June. The jobless rate represented approximately 503,000 unemployed individuals, a slight increase of 6,000 from month ago figures. Economic conditions in the statewide labor force remained stable during the month of June, as both the work force and total employment registered normal seasonal advancements. Total employment climbed by 50,000 to 3,949,000, while the labor force moved upward by 56,000 to total 4,451,000 for the month. The majority of job gains were centered in the construction, service and retail trade industries. Compared with a year ago, employment in Michigan has jumped by 164,000, while the size of the labor force has increased by 16,000. In June 1983, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 650,000, representing an unemployment rate of 14.6 percent.

STATE EMPLOYMENT LEVEL RETAINS UPWARD TREND

Nonagricultural employment increased for the fifth consecutive month in Michigan as total wage and salary employment climbed to 3,298,000 in June. Employment opportunities inched upward by approximately 5,200 as manufacturing and nonmanufacturing gains were partially offset by governmental losses. Total manufacturing employment at 942,900, rose by 8,900 primarily as a result of minor job gains scattered throughout the durable goods division. Private nonmanufacturing jumped by 19,000 to 1,802,500 in June, as normal seasonal patterns increased hiring activities throughout the construction, retail trade and service related industries. Public sector payrolls dropped by 22,700 as educational cutbacks at the state and local levels caused government employment to fall to 552,600. Since June 1983, industry employment in Michigan has increased by 107,700 positions or 3.4 percent. Approximately 67,900 manufacturing jobs have been added throughout the year, while private nonmanufacturing has increased by 57,400 positions.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES
JUNE 1984 (Final)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Total Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,452,000	3,949,000	503,000	11.3
Ann Arbor SMSA	150,900	139,800	11,100	7.4
Battle Creek SMSA	81,200	72,300	8,900	11.0
Bay City SMSA	53,700	46,800	6,900	12.8
Benton Harbor SMSA	73,900	64,700	9,200	12.4
Detroit SMSA	2,028,000	1,806,200	221,800	10.9
Flint SMSA	229,900	201,400	28,500	12.4
Grand Rapids SMSA	347,400	314,100	33,300	9.6
Jackson SMSA	67,000	58,600	8,400	12.5
Kalamazoo SMSA	143,000	129,800	13,200	9.2
Lansing SMSA	265,900	228,300	37,600	14.1
Muskegon SMSA	79,000	69,500	9,500	12.0
Saginaw SMSA	102,700	90,700	12,000	11.7
Upper Peninsula-LMA	148,300	128,600	19,700	13.3

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	JUNE 1984	MAY 1984	APR 1984	JUNE 1983
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4452.0	4396.0	4331.0	4435.0
Employment	3949.0	3899.0	3852.0	3785.0
Unemployment	503.0	497.0	479.0	650.0
Rate	11.3	11.3	11.1	14.6
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3298.0	3292.8	3263.8	3190.3
Manufacturing	942.9	934.0	928.8	875.0
Durables	744.3	736.7	732.0	680.7
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	11.6	11.4	10.4
Furniture and Fixtures	24.1	23.5	23.0	21.0
Metals	168.2	168.1	167.3	152.0
Primary Metals	53.9	54.0	53.9	50.7
Fabricated Metals	114.3	114.1	113.4	101.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	127.2	124.5	123.5	115.6
Electrical Machinery	31.8	32.3	32.6	30.7
Transportation Equipment	343.3	339.5	337.4	315.5
Motor Vehicles and Equip.	323.9	320.2	318.2	297.6
Other Transportation Equip.	19.4	19.3	19.2	17.9
Other Durables	37.7	37.2	36.8	35.5
Nondurables	198.6	197.3	196.8	194.3
Food and Kindred	47.2	46.2	45.5	45.3
Textiles and Apparel	20.4	19.7	20.2	19.4
Paper Products	20.7	20.4	20.2	20.3
Printing and Publishing	33.9	34.2	34.0	33.5
Chemicals and Petroleum	41.5	41.1	41.5	42.9
Other Nondurables	34.9	35.7	35.4	32.9
Nonmanufacturing	1802.5	1783.5	1754.3	1745.1
Construction	104.9	99.1	90.7	91.3
Trans., Commun., Utilities	136.9	139.5	137.7	140.0
Wholesale Trade	160.6	157.2	155.6	145.1
Retail Trade	562.8	556.0	545.7	549.4
Finance, Real Estate and Ins.	158.4	155.8	154.1	152.4
Services	669.4	666.6	661.4	657.8
Mining	9.5	9.3	9.1	9.1
Government	552.6	575.3	580.7	570.2
Federal	56.8	56.0	55.1	56.6
State	128.4	138.6	146.6	134.4
Local	367.4	380.7	379.0	379.2
Workers Involved In Labor Disputes	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.4

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1983 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1983 Benchmark.

SLOW GROWTH IN AREA INFLATION RATE

The Consumer Price Index for the Detroit metropolitan area increased slightly by two tenths of a percent over the month to reach 306.3 in June. The rise in Detroit area prices was primarily due to a seasonal increase in electricity rates. Prices in the area rose by 3.3 percent since June 1983, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 296.6.

At the national level, the cost of living increased by one full point to reach 310.7. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for food and entertainment. Between June 1983 and June 1984, national consumer prices rose by 4.2 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 298.1.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries inched upward from 43.2 hours in May to 43.4 hours in June. The increase occurred primarily as a result of longer hours worked by individuals in the electrical machinery and construction industries.

During the month, average hourly earnings rose by fifteen cents to $12.23, while average weekly earnings jumped by $8.79 to total $530.56. In June 1983, earnings averaged $11.63 an hour or $493.49 per week for a 42.4 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.23	$12.08	$11.63	43.4	43.2	42.4	$530.56	$521.77	$493.49
DURABLE GOODS	12.68	12.53	12.09	43.8	43.6	42.7	555.87	546.71	516.08
Primary Metal Products	12.31	12.35	12.08	42.1	41.8	41.3	517.96	515.84	499.00
Fabricated Metal Products	11.90	11.90	11.47	43.1	43.8	41.6	513.08	521.36	477.33
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.18	12.00	11.57	43.5	43.0	40.7	529.49	516.06	470.72
Electrical Machinery	10.80	10.49	10.20	43.0	42.0	42.9	464.47	440.42	436.97
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	14.33	14.07	13.40	45.3	44.8	44.5	648.57	630.69	596.24
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.36	10.26	9.90	41.7	41.5	41.6	432.45	425.60	411.51
Contract Construction	14.78	14.63	14.42	39.9	38.3	37.3	590.50	559.79	537.36
Department Stores	6.34	6.26	6.17	29.3	29.4	28.9	185.43	184.29	178.31

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits in Michigan declined for the fifth consecutive month during June. The regular benefits claims load averaged 96,500 per week in June, approximately 8,450 or 8.1 percent lower than the month ago total. In June 1983, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 135,525.

Additionally, the number of persons collecting benefits under the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program slipped by 4,125 or 15.6 percent. Total individuals collecting FSC benefits amounted to 22,300 per week. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
June 02, 1984	97,600	11,900	85,700	23,200	2,300	20,900
June 09, 1984	99,500	13,200	86,300	23,000	2,500	20,500
June 16, 1984	97,600	11,800	85,800	22,400	2,300	20,100
June 23, 1984	95,900	11,900	84,000	21,800	2,200	19,600
June 30, 1984	91,900	12,300	79,600	21,100	2,200	18,900

a/ Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City
Emmet County	Emmet County
Farmington Hills City	Farmington Hills in Oakland County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Royal Oak City	Royal Oak City in Oakland County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Southfield City	Southfield City in Oakland County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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